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Marginal Column

By EHEV LAQUEUR

ETIENNE GILSON, the philosopher, writing on the spirit of the Middle Ages, says that with a little bread and water a man ought to be happy (according to Epicurus) and the equal of Jupiter. But he is not — not necessarily because he lacks wisdom but simply because he is a man and all that is deepest in him perpetually gainsays the wisdom offered. The owner of a great estate will still add field to field, the rich man will heap up more riches, the husband of a fair wife would have another still fairer.

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THE incessant pursuit of ever fugitive satisfaction undoubtedly springs from troubled deeps in human nature which affects collective bodies even more than individuals. Much has been written on the rapacity of the big powers but not only are the small not better but frequently worse. The Americans may get exasperated about those silly Europeans who cannot reach agreement about the ownership of some plot of land such as the Saar which is not much bigger than one of the bigger ranches of Texas. The Russians may have a good laugh on account of the Greek students who seem to prefer to break up the Balkan alliance and who think that the security of their own country is far less important than the union with some island smaller than any of the subdistricts of the Chabarovsk region. The Chinese and the Indians face gigantic tasks; industrial and agrarian revolution, the necessity to feed 1,000 million of people, to build a new society. But No!; say their rulers they will not calm down until the Kashmir issue is settled and a number of islands on the Chinese coasts liberated, most of which are not even found on the maps. This, of course, is far more important and urgent. Or take the Syrian and Lebanese partisans of peace; staunch anti-imperialists they address many international meetings always in the forefront of the struggle of world peace. But let them only face a vital concrete issue, the relations between their countries and Israel, and they will talk about a holy war of destruction just like King Saud's son. It was apparently not easy to keep one's faith in mankind in bygone days and it has become more difficult in the atomic age.

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THERE are, of course, always weighty reasons why the national aspirations should be fulfilled. Poland had such reasons when it quarrelled with Lithuania over Vilna, and Lithuania had its case too. These and other pre-war regimes were ready to sacrifice a division for a few acres of land. This nightmare ended the only way it could; those who had so obstinately contested each foot of ground were sent through a great mill and since then everything has been very quiet indeed in those parts. But it is not quiet in the West either.

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PEACE has been the exception rather than the rule ever since the neighbours of the Assyrians realized that two sides must agree on peaceful coexistence to make it something meaningful — and history goes even farther back than that. Human capacity to destroy has made immense progress but human emotions have changed little if at all. Peoples and statesmen behave as they did one hundred and one thousand years ago. Some believe that only social institutions need be changed and this will become the best of all possible worlds. Experience however hardly encourages such a view, for nothing has changed in the will to power, to dominate. Final victory will be ours, should be ours, must be ours, it is said in the East. And the smaller nations in the West are ready, as they were, to slaughter each other for some hamlets or rivulet, not because their national existence is at stake, but because prestige is involved and public opinion, systematically poisoned, is boiling with rage. Sometimes, as in Trieste, such conflicts are peacefully solved; more often they are not. If they want to continue in this way to press for "final victory" and "national aspirations" their only choice will be between 1984, admittedly not a pleasant one, (in Britain they disliked last week even the broadcast version), and making human life on earth altogether impossible. In theory many people have realised this but every new day brings fresh evidence that human nature as it is, mastering passions and emotions, is something not to be ordinarily expected. Which makes our ideas on the future less exhilarating than they should be on the eve of a new year.

Jerusalem, December 21.

Said Dinah:
"Tut, Tut .. Listen Dave
Don't believe all those warnings they gave...
Safety slogans and such
Don't amount to much."
You've guessed it:
Dinah's now in her grave.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS

Knesset Agrees To Lifting Of MK's Immunity

The Knesset yesterday accepted the recommendation of the House Committee and voted to revoke the parliamentary immunity of Rabbi I. S. Rosenberg (Mizrahi), which had been requested by the Attorney-General. The vote was 41 to 0, with the Orthodox parties and the Communists abstaining.

Rabbi Rosenberg, who had asked the House Committee to agree to the Attorney-General's request, voted with the majority.

The vote ended a chapter in the Rosenberg affair, which began on May 24 when the afternoon newspaper, "Yediot Aharonot," reported that the Attorney-General had ordered the Economic Police to open an investigation against the Deputy Minister of Social Welfare for alleged involvement in illegal currency transactions.

The Chairman of the House Committee, Mr. David Bar-Rav-Hay, emphasized yesterday in presenting the Committee's resolution that the Committee had not considered the substance of the charges against Rabbi Rosenberg, but had merely decided to permit the courts to examine the question. The resolution was not to be interpreted as taking a stand of any sort on the charges themselves.

Eloquent Defence

Rabbi Rosenberg followed with a lengthy summary of the case, making an eloquent defence of his conduct and that of the Mizrahi organization, coupled with a vehement attack on *shurat hamitnadvim*, the vigilantes organization which asked the Government to act against Rabbi Rosenberg.

He pointed out that the matter had been permitted to drag on for seven months despite the fact that the police completed their investigation at the end of June, and despite his repeated demands that any charges against him be brought before the House Committee.

On August 16, he recalled, he had written to the Prime Minister complaining of the delay and of the damage this was causing him and his party, but "for some reason or other, I have not received an answer to this very day." Despite numerous promises that a decision would be speeded, the "intentional political procrastination" continued.

Rabbi Rosenberg rejected the Attorney-General's statement to the House Committee that the Knesset Member had not profited personally from the transaction in question, but that he had acted for his party's benefit. "Not only did I not sin, nor my colleagues; but neither did the Mizrahi Party sin."

The transaction in question, in which dollars had been transferred from Switzerland in the form of an investment rather than as a charitable contribution (which receives a less favourable rate of exchange), had been approved in advance by the late Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan. This was not the only case in which the Finance Minister or the Director General of the Ministry had given verbal approval without anything being put in writing, he added, saying that the Attorney General had admitted as much to the Committee.

'Mysterious' Organization

Turning his attention to *Shurat Hamitnadvim* (to which he referred continually as "that mysterious organization") Rabbi Rosenberg said that it was high time its dangerous nature was recognized. He charged that the organization has representatives in every government office and is able to remove files at its pleasure and make such use of them as it chooses.

How had official documents reached a certain newspaper, Rabbi Rosenberg demanded. Had any official been charged with the removal of files? Things had reached such a pass that "police officials came to me and asked me to give them a copy of a letter sent to me by a high government official because they could not find a copy in the government files."

Rabbi Rosenberg charged that the investigation against him had proceeded along two fronts, official and unofficial: his telephone had been tapped, letters he sent to his wife in a Knesset envelope from the Knesset post

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Decorations Law Sent to Committee

Replying to the debate on the Law of Decorations in the Israel Defence Forces, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, Minister of Defence, told the Knesset yesterday that although the Government had no objection to changes in various aspects of the draft bill, he feared that some of the speakers were "trying to overload the cart."

The bill had a very modest goal, he said. This was to make provision for awarding recognition to members of the Defence Forces in the future. Although there was no gainsaying the heroism of the past, history should not be confused with law. The present bill did not pretend to do what only a mighty Book of Remembrance — and perhaps not even that — could do.

The bill was unanimously referred to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Nehru and Tito Discuss Enlarged 'Third Force'

NEW DELHI, Monday (Reuter). — President Tito of Yugoslavia tonight met Premier Nehru for their fourth talk on world problems. During their talks in the past two days, Marshal Tito and Mr. Nehru are understood to have agreed to try to build up a common policy both within the U.N. and outside, backed by as many European, African, Asian and Latin American nations as possible.

Though there is no question of the formation of a new "bloc," the two statesmen are understood to favour the co-ordination of policy among countries not aligned to either of the two major power blocs. The aim is to strengthen what Mr. Nehru calls the "area of peace" which might act as a buffer zone between the two opposing blocs.

President Tito is understood to have been particularly interested in the visits to India of the Chinese Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, and the Indonesian Premier, Mr. Ali Sastroamidjojo, as well as Mr. Nehru's recent visit to China.

He in turn has given Mr. Nehru his impressions of the situation in Europe and his view of Russia's intentions. From their respective vantage points the two leaders exchanged views on two of the world's touchiest problems — Formosa and Germany.

U Nu Plans Easing Sino-U.S. Tension

RANGOON, Monday (Reuter). — Prime Minister U Nu, recently home from a visit to China, said today he will write soon to the Heads of State of China and America outlining a plan for a reconciliation of the two countries.

Answering a question at a press conference here he said, "I have already outlined this plan in my mind."

Bulgarian-Israel Trade Pact Signed

A trade agreement between Israel and Bulgaria which includes a payments agreement was signed yesterday morning at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem, a Ministry spokesman announced. This is the first such pact between the two countries and is aimed at establishing trade relations on a permanent basis. Until now trade with Bulgaria was based on separate barter deals.

The treaty involves $1.5m. with a balance of imports and exports. Agricultural products will make up more than one third of the value of imports from Bulgaria, which also include wood, tobacco, raw penicillin, asbestos and various chemicals. Israel's exports to Bulgaria will include citrus fruits and citrus by-products, razor-blades, superphosphates, pipes, medicines and other products.

This is the first commercial treaty which stipulates the Bank of Israel as the Government's agent in the operation of the payments agreement. A mutual technical credit (swing) of $250,000 is included.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Moshe Bartur, Director of the Economic Division, Foreign Ministry, for the Israel Government and by Mr. Guerogui Zenguilekov, Bulgarian Minister.

In 1953 Israel bought $1,083,897 worth of goods from Bulgaria and exported goods amounting to $221,140. In the first half of 1954, Israel imported $1,353,245 worth of goods from Bulgaria and exported $46,471 of materials.

MEXICO RATIFIES PACT

The commercial agreement with Mexico which was signed two years ago, has now been ratified by Mexican parliament, according to an official announcement. Under the agreement the two nations grant each other "Most favoured nation" treatment, which will make possible the export of Israel products to Mexico at a reduced tariff rate.

Imports from Mexico during the first few months of this year amounted to IL.5,600 as compared to IL.16,000 worth of exports.

The importance of the accord is not confined to the commercial field alone, but will also have political repercussions, being the first treaty between the two nations. The agreement is valid for two years and can be automatically renewed for another year. The documents of ratification will be exchanged in Jerusalem.

Train and Tender Clash at Crossing

ACRE, Monday. — Another collision between a train and a motor car at an unguarded level crossing here caused serious injury to two persons at 6 o'clock this evening.

Two members of Kibbutz Yas'ur, in Western Galilee, were driving in a tender towards Acre and were hit by the locomotive of a passenger train as they were crossing the tracks a few yards from the Acre railway station.

The train hit the front part of the tender and flung it back, wrecking the engine and scattering the parts over a wide area.

The two injured are Moshe Shapira, 30, and Shmuel Ochman, 16. A passing police tender took them to the Nahariya hospital, where Ochman's condition was reported serious but not critical tonight.

Economic Council Studies Haulage

The Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council held its fortnightly meeting in Jerusalem yesterday under the chairmanship of the Minister of Agriculture Mr. P. Naftali to discuss transport and haulage problems, according to an official announcement.

The debate was opened by the Minister of Communications, Mr. Joseph Saphir, who stated that there were 16,396 trucks and vans in the country with a total haulage capacity of some 41,500 tons. The vehicles were owned by 22 cooperatives, 100 transport companies, agricultural settlements, industrial enterprises and individual drivers.

The Minister gave details on efforts to avoid accidents between the railways and motor vehicles.

Glubb Not Attending Anglo-Jordan Talks

Gen. John Glubb, British Commander of the Arab Legion, returned yesterday to Amman from London, two days before the commencement of Anglo-Jordanian talks on revision of the treaty between the two countries, according to Radio Ramallah.

Earlier reports said that Jordan had objected to Gen. Glubb's intended participation in the negotiations, and consequently Britain had invited him to visit London for pre-conference talks. One of Jordan's demands to Britain, according to Cairo reports, was for the removal of Glubb and other British officers from their Arab Legion posts.

King Hussein of Jordan, who arrived in London on Sunday for the talks, which open tomorrow, had tea today with Queen Elizabeth.

The Foreign Office announced that Sir Anthony Eden's intended call on the King was postponed because the Foreign Secretary is confined to bed with a chill.

Other Jordan representatives in the negotiations are Premier Tewfik Abul Huda and Defence Minister Anwar Nuseibeh.

G. Z. DIVIDED ON COALITION ISSUE

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mr. Y. Rokach, the Minister of the Interior, who leads that section of the General Zionist Party which prefers to stay within the Government until the general elections, made the division of opinion public today when his speech before the Hadera branch of the Party was published in "Haboker."

The opposing view, held, it is believed, by Mr. Y. Serlin, the Minister of Health, is that the General Zionists should leave the Cabinet at once, to prepare their election campaign unhampered by Cabinet decisions.

A convenient issue for making a withdrawal will be the Knesset debate on the budget, which must end before April 1. If the General Zionists vote against the budget, the coalition will collapse the same day.

Majority Favours Break

At the meeting of the General Zionist Executive on Friday, where the party's proposals for the budget were discussed, opinions were reported to be largely for the immediate dissolution of the coalition. A committee of four was appointed to formulate a definite proposal. It is understood that the General Zionists will ask to strike out the IL.12m. increase in services, believed to be included in the Ministry of Finance proposals, and will oppose increases in taxes and duties.

Mr. Rokach said yesterday that he believed the Cabinet should be left in peace to attend to important current business, and that electioneering should be relegated to some time nearer the elections.

Burns, Eytan Discuss Armistice Agreements

The Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, General E. L. M. Burns, was yesterday received by Mr. Walter Eytan, Director General of the Foreign Ministry.

It is understood that questions concerning the Armistice Agreements were discussed. *The Jerusalem Post* Diplomatic Correspondent reports. Mr. Eytan probably took the opportunity to discuss the question of the five Israel soldiers detained by the Syrians.

General Burns will meet the Israel Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Davan, before returning to Syria this week.

Cairo 'Conditions' For Release Of Bat Galim

WASHINGTON, Monday (INA). — The Egyptian Ambassador, Ahmed Hussein, today sought concessions from the State Department as a precondition for the release of the Israel freighter Bat Galim, informed sources revealed.

The Ambassador, who met Mr. Robert D. Murphy, Deputy Under-Secretary of State, was said to have asked the U.S. to "ease tensions" between Egypt and Israel if the ship is to be set free.

The exact nature of the steps Egypt wants the U.S. to take could not be immediately ascertained, but apparently she is seeking a formula by which she can release the ship and at the same time "save face." Hussein requested an interview.

Israel Urges Meeting

Meanwhile, from New York it was reported that Israel is pressing for a meeting of the Security Council to continue consideration of the Suez Canal blockade issue and the release of the Bat Galim.

The last Council meeting left the issue hanging in mid-air as a result of Egypt's implied readiness to release the ship. However, not only was the vessel not released but the crew of 10 Israelis is still in an Egyptian prison.

No formal letter demanding the reopening of the Bat Galim affair by the Council has been sent, but Council members have been approached by Israel delegates who insist that the body resume its session. As a result of these talks it is possible the Council may meet again this week unless Egypt yields to the urging of the U.S. and Britain by releasing the ship and crew.

Sudanese Cabinet Expected to Quit

The resignation of the Sudanese Government was expected last night, as reports from Khartoum and Arab capitals said the crisis continued with Cabinet split in two camps.

Three Sudanese Cabinet Ministers yesterday denied charges made on Sunday by Premier Ismail el Azhari that they plotted to overthrow the Government and join the Umma (pro-independence) opposition party.

In Cairo, Major Saleh Salem, Minister in Charge of Sudanese Affairs, discussed the Cabinet crisis with Premier el Azhari over long-distance telephone.

Education Minister Mirghani Hamda, Defence Minister Khalfallah Khalid, and Ahmed Ali, Minister of State, called for an immediate definition of government policy. They accused Azhari of favouring certain ministers and giving them access to government secrets, while the ministers opposed to Egyptian domination were ignored.

They alleged that the Premier and certain ministers held secret meetings with Major Salah Salem, Egyptian Propaganda Minister when the latter visited the Sudan last October.

French Assembly Votes Confidence in Government

Britain Also Warned by USSR

MOSCOW, Monday (Reuter). — The Soviet Union in a new note today told Britain that the pact of ratification of the Paris Agreements will cancel the Anglo-Soviet treaty of 1942.

The note, delivered by Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, to the British Ambassador, Sir William Hayter, said: "All responsibility for this will rest on the British government."

The note was almost identical with the warning delivered to the French Government on December 16.

As in the note to France, the Soviet Union said, "After ratification of the Paris Agreements the Soviet Government will have no alternative than to submit for the consideration of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet a proposal to annul the treaty."

Mr. L. S. Ilyichev, head of the Foreign Ministry Press Department, asked at a press conference whether the note referred to ratification of the Paris Agreements by all the signatories or just Britain, replied: "The note was addressed to the Government of Britain."

He said the note made it clear that the treaty would be cancelled "if the act of ratification is accomplished," and added, "It is up to correspondents to give their own interpretation to the statement."

(Ratification of a treaty under British constitutional practice is effected by executive act of the Government. The Paris Agreements have been approved by both Houses of Parliament, but ratification has not yet been carried through.)

The French and British treaties with Russia are similar in that both declare the contracting parties would support each other in the last war and not negotiate separately with Germany.

Both promised mutual support if one were involved in hostilities with Germany in the post-war period.

The agreements also provided that the signatories would not enter coalitions or alliances directed against the other.

Accused Deny Ties With Israel Group

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter). — Mayer Muhass and Elie Naim today denied any connections with an alleged group working for Israel.

When the trial of 13 people accused of spying and sabotage resumed before a special military tribunal they said John Darling, alleged to be head of the group, once told them he was sorry the Jews of Egypt had no regard for Israel.

Darling wanted the Jews of Egypt to close their ranks and help each other "beyond that I know nothing of the so-called organization," Muhass told the court.

Muhass said that Darling posed to him as a travelling salesman for a British electrical appliance firm. He was introduced to Darling in 1951 by one Ovadia Danon, but knew him as Abram Dar. He testified that Darling offered to sell electrical appliances to the Alexandria Copper Works where Muhass is employed. He said he refused the offer.

Muhass said Danon later urged him to reconsider the offer and told him, "He's a Jew like us and we should help him." When he met Darling later he asked him what he did in Israel. But Darling told him he was touring the Middle East and was in Israel before coming to Egypt. Muhass said he never saw Darling again.

When the Prosecutor asked Muhass to confirm his statement during an inquiry that there was the intention to establish an organization in Egypt to work in the interests of Israel, and to repeat the statement that it was intended to produce arms and ammunition, Muhass replied, "I don't remember." He said this was his conjecture during the inquiry.

Naim, who followed Muhass as a prosecution witness said he lived in a rented apartment in Cairo paid for by Dr. Moshe Marzouk, another of the accused, but denied any knowledge of any group activity.

The court adjourned until tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMITTEE MEETS IN JERUSALEM

The Public Committee formed in Israel for the Defence of the Jewish Defendants in Cairo held its first meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. Reports were heard concerning the efforts made by various sections of the public to defend the 13 Jewish accused.

Calm Restored in Cyprus; 86 Still Held, Three Students Wounded

NICOSIA, Monday (Reuter). — Calm settled over Cyprus today after violent riots over the week-end in which 86 persons were arrested and three students wounded by rifle fire. The Government early today withdrew an order prohibiting assemblies of more than five people in Nicosia, although it is still in force in the southern port of Limassol.

The order was imposed yesterday to prevent renewed violence following Saturday's day-long riots in support of demands of enosis (union with Greece).

Nicosia was quiet today although the number of Britons shopping in the streets was visibly reduced. Police patrolling the streets were unarmed, and barricades were removed in the city.

The three students wounded when British troops opened fire in Limassol on Saturday were named today as Renos Pouyouas, 19, Andreas Demetri Kondos, 20, and Majis Petrides, 17. Petrides is the most seriously wounded, having been hit in the abdomen. (Earlier reports that one demonstrator was killed were proved incorrect.)

Bishop Kyprianos, acting head of the Greek Orthodox Church in Cyprus, today cabled a strong protest to British leaders and to the U.N. against British troops opening fire. His protest was addressed to Sir Winston Churchill, the leader of the Labour opposition, Mr. Clement Attlee, the leader of the Liberal Party in the Commons, Mr. Clement Davies, and the Speaker, Mr. W. S. Morrison.

Commons Statement

In London, meanwhile, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox Boyd, said in a statement on the week-end riots that Britain did not intend to allow orderly government to be replaced by one "of hooligans or demonstrations by students."

He told the Commons that the disturbances were started on Saturday chiefly by secondary school students who were joined shortly by "crowds of hooligans." The disorder occurred during a general strike "caused by the Communists and the national trades unions," he claimed.

After giving an account of the incidents, Mr. Lennox Boyd said the responsible elements of all communities in the colony had already expressed their grief at what had happened and had given an assurance that they would use their influence to maintain law and order.

Sir Winston Churchill's Cabinet today discussed latest reports on Cyprus.

Pakistan Gov't Now All-Party Coalition

KARACHI, Monday (Reuter). — The Cabinet of Prime Minister Mohammed Ali became an all-party coalition today when Mr. Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy, 61-year-old United Front leader from East Bengal, was sworn in as Minister of Law.

His inclusion is an important Moslem League concession to the opposition United Front.

As Minister of Law, the Oxford-educated Minister will be entrusted with the early restoration of parliamentary government in Pakistan, suspended after Governor-General Ghulam Mohammed dismissed the Constituent Assembly on October 24 this year. The Assembly was dissolved on grounds that it had lost the confidence of the people. A draft constitution proclaiming Pakistan an Islamic Republic was scrapped after seven years work on it.

Mr. Suhrawardy has for many years been a leading figure in the political picture of East Bengal. His inclusion in the Cabinet, according to political observers here, will mean the end of Moslem League control over the central Government. It will give the Cabinet the support of East Bengal for radical constitutional changes.

INFILTRATORS' BODY HANDED OVER

The body of the Arab infiltrator who was killed by watchmen of Kfar Uriya in the Jerusalem corridor on Saturday was handed over to the Jordan authorities yesterday. The body was identified by the parents of the infiltrator at Mandelbaum Gate.

The marauder was one of a group of six who had entered the village area to steal. They got as far as the furthermost house of the village when they were spotted by the local watchmen and fired on. The other five succeeded in escaping. (Itim)

Javits Says Israel Must Come Into Defence System

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — Mr. Jacob K. Javits, Attorney-General-elect of New York, today called for active utilization of the defence capabilities of Israel for the security of the Middle East and her inclusion together with the Arab states in a regional defence organization for the area within the framework of the United Nations.

He said that unless Israel is invited into this defence organization she should be included in NATO either directly or by alliance with Greece and Turkey, who are members.

He spoke at a reception tendered him by the Zionist Organization of America at the Hotel Plaza.

Israel Hinders Arab, West Link—Salem

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter). — The presence of Israel in the midst of the Arab world was one of the main obstacles hindering close Egyptian and other Arab cooperation with the West. This was stated by Propaganda Minister Major Salah Salem to a visiting Turkish press mission here last night.

Asked if he considered Egypt and the Arab countries faced a possible danger from Russia, he replied that this was possible but the real danger was from Israel. No Arab leader "can stand up and say the Arabs must join the West without the return of the Palestine Arab refugees to their homes," he asserted.

He pointed out that the Arab countries, bound together into a security alliance, needed arms which the West could provide, but that there was lack of mutual trust necessary to such a link.

He said that Egypt, a member of the Arab League could not examine "on her own" the question of the Turco-Pakistani pact.

YAMPOLSKY REPORTED DEAD IN PRISON

MUNICH, Monday (INA). — Mr. M. Yampolsky, leading Jewish communal worker in Rumania arrested for "illegal Zionist activity," three years ago, has died in a Bucharest jail, according to reports received by emigre circles here.

He was last Director of the Palestine Emigration Office in the Rumanian capital and in the postwar years represented the Jewish Agency in negotiations with the Soviets and with the British military mission.

Opens Way to Debate On Paris Accord

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — Premier Mendes-France today won an overwhelming vote of confidence in the National Assembly on his Indo-China budget, clearing the way for the crucial debate on the Paris Agreements on German rearmament. The vote was 319 to 172.

As soon as the figures had been announced, the Deputies opened the big ratification debate on the Paris Agreements.

The Premier was virtually assured of success in the vote after the Popular Republicans, his most bitter enemies, had announced their intention to abstain. It was clear that despite their enmity to most of the Premier's policies, they did not wish to overthrow the Government until after parliamentary approval of the Paris treaties since they prefer M. Mendes-France rather than anyone else to be saddled with responsibility for German rearmament.

The Indo-China budget debate had caused almost a full day's delay in the ratification debate and the Assembly's final word on German rearmament may now not be known until Christmas eve.

The opposition — the Popular Republicans in particular — used the budget as an excuse for an attack on the Premier's Indo-China policy. M. Mendes-France made a spirited defence of his actions at Geneva and since, and told his critics they had left him a dangerous military situation to handle when he took office last June.

He had no regrets about stopping the war, he said, and reaffirmed his Government's intention to safeguard French interests in South-East Asia. He announced that France would seek admission to the Colombo Plan for economic aid to South-East Asia.

The Premier's position was bolstered during the debate by the agreement on Indo-China policy reached during the week-end with British Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, and the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles. He told the Assembly that Mr. Dulles had given him a formal assurance that the object of American policy in Indo-China was not to weaken French influence or to substitute American influence for it.

Socialist Int'l Airs German Rearmament

AMSTERDAM, Monday (Reuter). — Mr. Herbert Morrison, the deputy leader of the British Labour Party, today called on West German Socialists to withdraw their opposition to German rearmament and said he could not understand their attitude.

The leader of the West German Socialist Party, Dr. Erich Ollenhauer, had earlier told the closed meeting of the Council of the Socialist International that German reunification was his constant demand. He is expected to be alone in his outright opposition to German rearmament.

Dr. Ollenhauer protested the description of his party as "nationalist," which he said had been made by Mr. Clement Attlee, Britain's Labour leader, in the Commons, and by the Belgian Socialist Foreign Minister, Mr. Paul-Henry Spaak, at a Belgian Socialist conference.

Mr. Morrison told the 40 Socialist delegates from 13 countries (including Israel) that East Germany was already armed and it was asking too much to expect Britain, France and America to defend West Germany without a German contribution.

M. Guy Mollet, French Socialist leader, praised Britain's decision to keep troops on the continent for 50 years and said he could not suppose America would stay on the continent unless Germany made a defence contribution. Effective defence of the West was a prerequisite for talks with Russians he said.

JOHN EDEN TO VISIT ISRAEL IN JANUARY

LONDON, Monday (IBA). — Mr. John Eden, Conservative M.P. for Bournemouth West and nephew of Foreign Minister Sir Anthony Eden, will visit Israel for 10 days early next month.

He will leave here on January 4 and intends to see every possible aspect of the country as well as "to have a look" at the border area.

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President Ben-Zvi yesterday received Mr. Zvi Herman, Chairman of the Keren Hayesod Directorate. The President also received Mr. Abraham Shapira, one of the founders of Petah Tikva.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi also received a group of 28 newcomers from 20 religious settlements who have just completed a citizenship course in Jerusalem under the auspices of the Information and Civic Education Services.

King Gustav Adolph of Sweden has consented to act as Patron — together with President Ben-Zvi — of "the Israel archaeological exhibition "From the Land of the Bible," opening in Stockholm in the spring.

Mrs. Zippora Sharett and Sgan-Aluf Yosef Carmel, the President's Aide, were present at a performance of the Rina Nikova Dance Group at the Y.M.C.A. in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon.

ARRIVALS: Dr. R.A. Abramovitch, formerly of the University College of South-West England at Exeter, to take up his appointment to the Department of Organic Chemistry at the Weizmann Institute; Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Cohen of Mundus Tours Ltd., from their trip of the U.S. and Mexico on tourist business, (by Air France), Mr. Guy Schofield, Editor of the London "Daily Mail," in Israel for a week's stay (by Cyprus Airways).

DEPARTURES: Dr. Gideon Yekutieli of the Weizmann Institute's Physics Department, for the U.S., to spend one year as research associate at the University of Rochester, N.Y.

The Israel Touring Club in Talbieh, Jerusalem, is giving a Hanukka Ball for tourists, members, and their guests at 9 o'clock Saturday night, December 25.

OBITUARY
DAVID JACOBS

Solomon J. Jacobs and Reva Gruschka regret to announce the sudden death of their beloved brother David in Manchester on December 7, 1954.

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NEWS: Hebrew 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 8.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 2.15 & 8.30 p.m.
5.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.35 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.
12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.20 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Light Music (R). 1.30 Break for Music (R). 3.30 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Programme for Hospitals. 4.30 Light Music (R). 4.55 Unesco Programme. 5.05 Agricultural Programme. 5.15 Language Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Kindling of the Lights. 7.05 Haifa Programme. 7.35 Sports. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.00 Bible Reading. 8.30 Newsreel. 9.05 Kol Yisrael Orchestra, with Kol Zion Choir. Conductor: Heinz Freudenthal. Soloist: Peggy Hayman: Concerto Grosso No. 2 (Bloch); Violin Concerto (Barber); "Finlandia" (Sibelius). 10.30 Requests (R). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
480, 235, 216, 491, 49.6 & 33.3 M.
English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Ladino. 7.30 Yiddish 8.00 Close Down. 5.45 p.m. Rumanian 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.9 M.): 11.15 p.m. Kindling of the Lights. 11.18 News. 11.30 A Musical Hanuka Lamp. 11.45 Easy Hebrew Conversation.
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 235 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 "Bow & Arrow." 7.00 Light Music. 7.30 "Corps to Corps." 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.20 News 8.45 Evening Tunes. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.
B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (34.80, 24.92, 20.53, 20.90 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News. "This English"—Science & Technology.

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ARNON: Stars of the Russian Ballet.
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EDISON: Hello, Elephant. Only 2.30 and 8.30.
ORGIL: Les Vacances de M. Hulot. Also 10.30 a.m.
ORION: The Steel Trap.
ORNA: The Juggler.
RON: Violettes Imperiales. At 10.30: Adventures of Tom Sawyer.
STUDIO: Family Honeymoon.
TEL OR: Tarzan and the She-Devil Also 10.30 a.m.
ZION HALL: The Village.

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post
December 21, 1954

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Civil Appeal
Before Justices Agranat, Sussman and Landau.

Meir Gusta, Appellant, v. Baruch Rivkind, Respondent (C.A.147/54).

Limits of Employer's Responsibilities

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on March 1, 1954 (C.C. 377/52).

The appellant was employed in well-drilling operations conducted by the respondent in the vicinity of Rosh Ha'ayin. Part of the drilling equipment consisted of a long pipe through which a hollow boring-shaft was mechanically lowered and, when filled with the excavated soil, raised until it cleared the mouth of the pipe. The appellant's job was then to push the shaft away from the mouth of the pipe, after which it was mechanically lowered to the ground and emptied, and the whole operation repeated.

On December 12, 1950, the appellant was standing on the ladder with his right hand on the lip of the pipe waiting to push the shaft aside. Before he had time to do so, the shaft slid back into the pipe, injuring his hand in the process.

After receiving a certain sum of money weekly from the respondent's insurance company over a period of a year, the appellant sued the respondent in the Tel Aviv District Court for IL.23,500 under the Civil Wrongs Ordinance, claiming negligence on the latter's part.

Judge Many dismissed the claim on two grounds, each of which in itself would have been sufficient, according to the judgment, for defeating the appellant's suit. Gusta appealed against this judgment.

The Court of Appeal decided to hear the parties' arguments on only one of the District Court's grounds for dismissing the claim, viz. that Gusta had not succeeded in proving that there had been negligence on the part of the respondent. The Court held that if they should find in favour of the appellant on this point, they would hear arguments on the second point; but, if not, there was no need to consider the additional reason for dismissing the appeal.

Mr. S. Katz appeared for the appellant, Mr. J. Kahane for the respondent.

Judgment

Justice Agranat in giving the judgment of the Supreme Court, first considered the implications of section 50 (2) of the Civil Wrongs Ordinance, which imposes a liability on the employer to take proper care to prevent any physical harm coming to his employee in the ordinary course of the latter's work.

After a survey of English precedents, Justice Agranat laid down three criteria by which the courts could be guided in deciding whether an employer had taken proper care:

Three Criteria

(1) It was essential that the employer, when devising a system of work, should take into account the nature of the danger which might threaten a worker in the course of his work, so that the greater the threat, the stricter he must be in taking preventive measures.

(2) The duty of care of the employer does not imply an absolute liability — a form of warranty — but means only that in taking into consideration the element of danger in the work and any other relevant circumstances, the employer must devise a system of work calculated to prevent in a reasonable manner any danger to the safety of the worker, in the ordinary course of his work, which a reasonable man might be expected to foresee. In deciding what is reasonable, long established practice in the trade, although not absolutely conclusive, is strong evidence in support of reasonableness.

(3) The employer is entitled to take into account the fact that the worker is aware of the risks involved and appreciates the fact that he must protect himself by the use of reasonable care and skill — a criterion which should be applied in moderation and not so as to release the employer from the duty to employ reasonable measures of care on the plea of volenti non fit injuria. On the other hand, the employer must make allowance for the imperfections of human nature and must take the necessary precautions to ensure that his employees adhere to the rules he has laid down for their safety.

Protective Measures

Justice Agranat then went on to consider whether the respondent had taken proper care according to the above criteria, holding that from the evidence it was clear that the respondent was aware of the danger inherent in the operation performed by the appellant and had time and again explicitly instructed and directed all workers employed on that operation not to place their hands on the lip of the pipe; and, in addition, had instituted other precautionary measures to ensure their safety, enforcing them and explaining them at every opportunity on the principle of "forewarned is forearmed."

The question whether this constituted taking reasonable measures for the protection of the workers or not was decided in the affirmative by the District Court judge who had found that the method of work employed by the respondent was one of long standing and of wide use in the trade. There was, therefore, continued Justice Agranat, *prima facie* evidence that the respondent had taken reasonable care to protect his workers from any possible danger and the burden was on the appellant to prove that, nevertheless, the method of work did not sufficiently provide against the dangers inherent in the operation. In this, in the Court's opinion, the appellant had not succeeded, the precedents quoted by his Counsel not being relevant to the case.

Employee's Negligence

Mr. Katz further submitted that the third criterion had not been complied with because the respondent had not taken sufficient account of the fact that even the best of workers is capable of forgetting to take the necessary precautions when he acts instinctively, and must therefore be protected against himself. Justice Agranat held that in order to succeed in this contention, the appellant should have shown that he had placed his hand on the lip of the pipe — contrary to all instructions — in a moment of forgetfulness. Not only had he not proved this, but there was sufficient evidence for the Court to presume that he had deliberately ignored the instructions repeatedly given him. Since his attitude of ignoring the precautionary measures was obviously not shared or in any way encouraged by the respondent or his works-manager, there was therefore no cause for blaming the mishap on the negligence of the employer.

The final argument of Counsel for appellant that there were safer methods of work which could have been instituted by the respondent, was dismissed on the grounds that the District Court had found those suggested by Mr. Katz to have been either impractical, or still within the realms of theory, and the Court saw no reason to interfere with this decision.

The Court held therefore that there had been no negligence on the part of the respondent and dismissed the appeal. The hearing of the case for compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act was postponed.

Judgment given on December 13, 1954.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ **Exhibitions:—**
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.
Ceramics, Mrs. F. Reiss and pupils. Y.M.C.A. 9-1, 4-7.
Drawings by Yehuda Bacon and Glass Paintings by Deborah Blumenthal. Nora Studio Art Gallery, 9 Ben Maimon Avenue. Rehavia.
Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.), 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1.
"Hommage a Matisse."—"Master drawings" Exhibit of the month: Woven tapestry, Persia, Middle Ages: Bezalel Museum. 9-1, 4-6.

★ **Tours:—**
Hebrew University conducted tour, new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Library:—**
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-1; 3-6.

★ **Theatre:—**
"The Man Who Came to Dinner," Chamber Theatre, Edison, 9 p.m.

★ **Lectures:—**
Mr. Bertram Gross, of the Economic Advisory Staff, on "Pressure Groups and Economic Policy," (In English) under the auspices of The Israel Society of Political Sciences, Ratisbonne, Room 78, 8.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibitions:—**
Paintings by "The Independents" Adam, Wiesenfeld, Haroutis, Talahorra, Shulman, Katz Art Gallery, 97 Dizengoff Road, 10-1, 4-7.
Opening of Exhibition of oil Paintings by Jacob Wechsler, Museum, 5 p.m.

★ **Theatres:—**
Habimah "Hedva & I." Habimah Theatre, 11 a.m. Performance for Youth.
Habimah "Hedva & I." Habimah. Performance for Workers, 8 p.m.

HAIFA

★ **Exhibitions:—**
Oil Paintings and Gouaches by Shmuel Rayzel, Artists' Pavilion, 22 Sderot U.N.O. Daily 4-7 p.m.
Gouaches and Oil Paintings by Alva London and Ceramics by Miss Cornelia Pollack, Traclyn Art Gallery 10-1, 4-7.

PETAH TIKVA

★ **Theatre:—**
"The Caine Mutiny". Habimah, 8 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ **Theatre:—**
Di Re-Mi, "Rose from Istanbul." Ramz Hall, 4 and 8.15 p.m.

★ **Circuses:—**
Josephine Baker with a Grand Circus Revue, 4 and 8.30 p.m.

Yesterday's Press:

Call for Direct Action On Bat Galim

"Zmanim" (**Progressive**) notes that almost three months have passed since the Bat Galim was seized by the Egyptians. Israel should not give in to the insistent demands of the Western powers (which have again failed in their efforts to mediate) to abstain from raising the matter again in the Security Council. Israel is not obliged to further sacrifices in order to help stabilize the Abdul Nasser regime. She has done all she could to obtain a peaceful solution, and must now contemplate ways and means of paying off the score as in the past.

"Herut" thinks that if the Israel forces are at last permitted to act on behalf of the Bat Galim, there will be no need to request a session of the Security Council. It will be convened at once, without any request on our part. The paper attacks Israel foreign policy, writing that a Syrian spokesman may well declare that his country does not expect to release the five Israel soldiers which it had kidnapped: Syria has unfortunately nothing to fear.

Mapam To Maki

The "Davar" (Histadrut) political correspondent writes that authoritative Communist circles believe that Mr. M. Oren's mooted release would speed the process of "radicalization" of Mapam, and send many of its members into Maki in Dr. Snah's footsteps. Meantime, the polemic between the two parties continues in their respective newspapers.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) comments in its editorial on a number of recent cases in which young hooligans attacked youth clubs. "Yediot Aharonot" demands free competition in road passenger transport, and "Hador" (Mapai) deals with the productivity drive. Several morning newspapers discuss such international topics as the impending vote in the French parliament ("Lamerhav" — Ahdut Ha'Avoda, supporting the Soviet stand opposite Mendes-France) and Cyprus ("Ha'aretz," non-party, which expresses the opinion that Enosis will be realized in the end).

International Video Seen on Horizon

NEW YORK, Monday (UP). — Brig.-Gen. David Sarnoff, Chairman of the Radio Corporation of America, said yesterday that international television "is not too far away."

"It is bound to be achieved in television as it was in radio," he declared.

Tape recording for black-and-white and colour television will start next year, offering the industry a "simple, rapid, and economical means of storing complete T.V. programmes for re-broadcast."

1000 Graduates To Attend Seminary Fete

Over a thousand graduates of the Teachers Seminary at Bet Hakarem, Jerusalem, have been invited to its fortieth anniversary celebration tomorrow. Professor A. Dushkin, head of the Hebrew University Faculty of Education, has announced.

Among the 1,357 holders of the Bet Hakarem diploma are 70 headmasters, 660 teachers at elementary schools and kindergartens, and many prominent members of the liberal professions. The Minister of Education, Professor B. Dinur, who was principal of the Seminary for 25 years, will greet the alumni.

The secondary and primary school of Bet Hakarem numbering 1,300 pupils have close contact with the Seminary, Professor Dushkin explained. Teacher-trainees obtain practical experience in "model" classes, and high-school pupils who intend to enter the Seminary take an introductory syllabus. As in other seminaries here and abroad the great majority of candidates are girls. Of 280 trainees this year, only 34 are young men.

Higher Standard

Professor Dushkin recalled how the Seminary began a half-century ago as a German-speaking institution of the Hilfsverein. David Yellin, its deputy principal, led the fight for Hebrew as a teaching medium. Together with the Technion, Bet Hakerem played a decisive part in the Hebrew revival.

The Seminar's aim as expressed by Professor Dinur has always been to raise the standard of elementary teaching and remove it from the influence of political trends. By enabling Seminary graduates to take an extra-mural B.A. degree in one year, and the Hebrew University co-operated in this effort. The Bet Hakerem Seminary for elementary and kindergarten teachers now forms part of the H.U. Education Faculty, which trains high school personnel and adult instructors.

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AT THE CINEMA

THE "Juggler" (Orna, J'lem) is this week's "Must" in my opinion. Kirk Douglas, otherwise a competent impersonator of distasteful types, is human for once in the role of a haunted claustrophobe who finds redemption in Israel. Dymitrik's script is far better than the orginal book and the supporting cast is excellent with the exception of Molly Vitale's all too glamorous kibbutz girl ("The *khamsin* is a hot wind blowing from the Sahara") and all the unbelievably leggy female kibbutzniks.

The film, to my mind, is magnificent, truly Israel in theme and landscape. "The Juggler," in any case, is proof that American actors and cameramen can make a full length film of international standard in Israel. And so, there is no reason to doubt that we will finally manage ourselves.

Embezzling Model Husband

"THE Steel Trap" (Orion J'lem) gives a new slant to the mossy story of the bank teller who suddenly gets bored with his humdrum life and disappears with the kitty. This particular defrauder takes his wife along. Naturally everything goes haywire and, between failing plane connections and the wife nagging about taxi expenses, Joseph Cotton (good, as always) gets understandably nervous. The public will too, because the great comic possibilities of the idea are completely disregarded and the film is presented as a serious moral piece. The obvious moral is "leave your wife behind," all the more as homey Teresa Wright is most decidedly not my idea of the type to take on a bender to Rio.

Russian Ballet

"STARS of the Russian Ballet" (Arnon, J'lem) gives three ballets without any attempt at connecting action. The performance of the Soviet Academy Ballet, with Galina Ulanova, who recently toured Europe with tremendous success, is technically superb but icy.

This week's "Geva" newsreel is saturated with paid propaganda. If more than one factory has to be shown in every newsreel to cover the expenses, the footage of ministerial handshakes should at least be cut down. *Th. F. M.*

A Disappointing Film

ROSSELLINI'S "Europa '51" (Tamar, Tel Aviv), starring Ingrid Bergman, is a great disappointment in every way. This story of a wealthy woman who tries to find solace for the loss of her only son in helping the needy, often reverts to the crudest melodrama.

Miss Bergman, often extremely badly photographed, is almost wasted in the main role, and there is hardly a glimmer of the genius that we know Rossellini possesses as a director.

Jane Wyman Scores

JANE Wyman in "So Big" (Orion, Tel Aviv), on the other hand, has a part which exactly suites her talents. Against a background of the farming country around Chicago, we follow her trials and tribulations from orphaned schoolgirl to middle-aged widow; in this adaptation of yet another of Edna Ferber's novels.

Thanks largely to Miss Wyman, who ages most convincingly, this often-sentimental film never becomes mawkish and if it is not quite another "Johnny Belinda," as the publicity claims, it still manages to be thoroughly entertaining. *J.L.*

Real Fairy Tale

THE latest Abbott and Costello film, "Jack and the Beanstalk" (Armon, Haifa) was a pleasant surprise. One went expecting a piece of slapstick; instead, a real attempt has been made to produce the fairy tale beloved of childhood. Technicolor imparts the artificiality of postcards in order to remove the story from everyday life. There is a modicum of song and dance. Abbott suits the part of a goodhearted simpleton. Above all, it is made for children.

This feature was preceded by a two-reeler, "Carnival of Rhythm," with the Katherine Dunham School. Here is dancing, the acme of torrid sensuousness restrained by absolute economy of expressive movement. Not a false nor a superfluous action: note the perfect teamwork when the girl keeps her eyes fixed on the man's shoulders and parallels their every movement. *H.*

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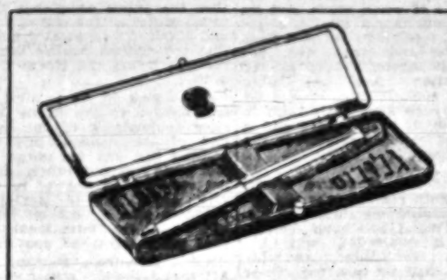

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Showers, mainly in the morning with partial clearing during the day.

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Mt. Canaan	99	10	13	13
Tiberias	80	13	21	22
Haifa Port	75	11	21	20
Netanya	94	16	18	18
Tel Aviv Kirya	—	—	—	—
Tel Aviv Port	96	16	18	18
Lydda Airport	90	10	18	19
Jerusalem	84	11	14	15
Beersheba	100	10	13	16
Eilat	45	18	30	30

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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ACCUSED OF stabbing a labour exchange official in the Amishav *mo'shava* on October 28, Menashe Mahana, 25, was remanded for trial in the district court by the Petah Tikva Magistrate yesterday.

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THE RUMANIAN s.s. Transylvania is calling at Haifa Port today to pick up 60-70 emigrants who want to return to Rumania. Most of them are aged persons who have given up hope for their children in Rumania receiving permission to join them in Israel.

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THE BET AHIM Youth Hostel has been opened at Ramat Hashofet in the Shomron district, the Israel Youth Hostels Association announced. Accommodation should be secured in advance by writing to the Warden.

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ELIEZER COHEN, 18, was yesterday given a IL.30 fine with the choice of a month's imprisonment for forging an Egged ticket by pasting paper over the holes, by the Jerusalem Magistrate, Mr. M. Even Tov.

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PERSONS WISHING to receive additional invalid rations will be received between 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. during the Hanukka holiday, the Nutrition Committee of the Jerusalem Branch of the Israel Medical Association announces.

KNESSET DEBATING REPORT ON LABOUR

In the debate on the statement on unemployment made last week by the Minister of Labour, which began in the Knesset last night, Opposition and General Zionist speakers saw no justification for the optimism Mrs. Myerson had shown, while Mr. A. Govrin (Mapai) agreed with her that there was reason for satisfaction.

Mr. E. Shostak (Herut) charged that the unemployment figures of Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research could not be trusted; they report a daily average of 15,000 unemployed in December, but the actual number is at least twice that.

Mr. Y. Riftin (Mapam) charged that the Government had no programme for full employment, while Mr. H. Arlav (General Zionist) asserted that there was insufficient incentive for the unskilled to prepare themselves for skilled jobs.

13072 WINS IL.15,000

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Number 13072 of Series 4 won IL.15,000 in yesterday's drawing of the Aleph issue of the 1950 Milve Amana.

The same number of series 3 won IL.5,000, and of Series 1, 2, and 5, IL.2,000 each.

Numbers 24634 of all series won IL.1,000, while Numbers 01918 and 45222 won IL.500 each.

Numbers 56662 and 07884 of all series won IL.250.

SAVINGS WAIT ON STABLE CURRENCY

TEL AVIV Monday. — The natural inclination of people to save could not be developed into a popular saving scheme until the country's currency is really stabilised, Mr. Z. Hoofien, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank Le'umi, said at the start of "Saving Week" marked by reception at the Commercial and Industrial Club here today. The "Saving Week" is organized annually during Hanukka by Mercaz, the audit union of cooperative societies.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM DISTRICT: Filled Chocolate: for Nov., one package, Aleph, Bet, Gimmel cards, no coupon. Temp. 12. Sweetened cocoa powder: First Sept.-Oct. ration, 150 gms., Aleph, Bet, Gimmel cards, no coupon. Temp. 14. Poultry for invalids: I.M.A. coupons, Dec. 19, 750 gms. Children's ration continues, 250 gms., Aleph, Bet, Gimmel cards, Mem 26. Expectant mothers: end of ration 1,500 gms., coupons 11, 12. Elderly persons: end of ration: 500 gms., Mem 24.

TEL AVIV AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Poultry for expectant mothers: end of ration, 750 gms., coupons 9, 10. Elderly persons: 500 gms., Mem Nah 26. Invalids: 500 gms., Het Aleph 2, Het Bet 10, Het Bet 11. The second half of imported butter ration (500 gms.) began yesterday. Frozen meat for Greater Haifa and Northern and Shomron Arab communities: 100 gms., Nun 22, Temp. 24, IL.1 per kilo.

Government Body to Allocate Responsibility for Pure Food

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Following public disquiet over the distribution of poisonous buck-wheat grits in the ration, and reports (since denied) of the sale of grape-juice containing chemicals injurious to health, the Ministry of Health has set up an inter-ministerial committee to determine the duties of different Ministries regarding the purity of foods. The committee comprises officials of the Excise department, the Ministries of Commerce, Agriculture and Health, and a representative of the Standards Institute in Tel Aviv. The committee will be asked to fix the maximum amount of fungicide and insecticide which may be left on fruits and vegetables meant for human consumption. At the moment, there is no law compelling manufacturers to submit their fruit products for examination.

The Rishon and Zichron wine cellars, the main producers of grape juice, made special arrangements with the Central Laboratories of the Ministry of Health for analyzing a sample of every batch of grape juice. The Ministry reports that since the cellars began production of this last vintage, only one was still found to contain too high a content of foreign ingredients. This juice was impounded until it could be diluted to reduce the percentage of chemical.

The Laboratory tasted for the presence of D.D.T., arsenic and barium which are used in dusting powers and sprays on the vines. The permitted amount is one gram to a ton of liquid, said the Ministry of Health spokesman.

The Rishon cellars are the only juice manufacturers working under strict government control, the management pointed out to *The Jerusalem Post*, as they produce wines and spirits which come under the supervision of Customs and Excise. An Excise station with six Excise men ensures that each batch of 19,000 litres has been passed for purity by the Laboratories. Other producers of fruit juice are exempt from government supervision as the juice is considered a soft drink. As the Ministry of Health contends that it is not obliged to examine these beverages, and the Ministry of Commerce has also refused to undertake the task, no control has been exercised until now.

On the other hand, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman has stated that he was not the source for the report on grape juice which appeared in *The Jerusalem Post* last Thursday and denied that the grape juice contained any deleterious materials.

All grape juice released by the excise authorities for marketing was accompanied by a certificate of the Ministry of Health Laboratory, he said.

Hunger Strike Leader Accused of Fraud

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The leader of the hunger strikers who, three weeks ago, demanded that the Jewish Agency return them to India, has been accused by other strikers of taking from them by false pretences the money to pay for his own return. Solomon Ezekiel and Moses Shimon, members of the group, told *The Jerusalem Post* today that Yosef Avraham, 30, had asked the 11 families and seven bachelors of the group to provide him with money for expenses to go to Jerusalem and send telegrams to people who would be able to help them.

On his return from Jerusalem, Avraham told members of the group that he had arranged for his own return to India and that he would be leaving tomorrow night by air. He had made no provision for repaying any of the money which he had taken and he was to make no attempt to help the remainder of the group to be returned to India.

A spokesman of the Jewish Agency in Tel Aviv said that Avraham claimed to have left two children in India and that although they were not obstructing his return, they were not paying his fare.

Mr. Ezekiel warned that if Avraham were allowed to return to India alone the hunger strike would be resumed.

Porush Sees 'Non-Existent' Cesspools

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rabbi Moshe Porush, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, was yesterday taken on a brief tour of Jerusalem by a *Jerusalem Post* reporter and shown six "non-existent" overflowing cesspits. (Rabbi Porush told *The Jerusalem Post* a month ago that "There are no overflowing cesspits in Jerusalem at present.")

In the German Colony, sewage from a cesspit flowed into the playground of a nearby Government school; at 14 Emek Harefaim, it flowed into the main street; at 11/4 it formed a small stagnant puddle near the entrance to the house. At 7/20 in the Katamon quarter, sewage had formed a small pond three metres in diameter, two inches deep, only two yards from the entrance to the Misgav Ladach maternity hospital. Two workmen had been set to work to drain the "pond" into a nearby empty field. Other places were at 15 Yehoshua Bin Nun, Greek Colony, and at 14 Rehov Haportzim, in Katamon.

A seventh overflowing cesspit, which Rabbi Porush did not have to see due to a previous appointment, is in the playground of Tikvatalmi, a club for orthodox children which was recently opened in the Musrara quarter to combat the influence of the missionaries.

Although Rabbi Porush did not stop to talk to the families living in the immediate vicinity of the overflowing cesspits, he did speak to many in the Katamon quarter and the Greek Colony where several cesspits have latterly been connected to the main line. These persons thanked him for the time and energy he had expended on their behalf.

25 More Sacks of Toys Needed

As toy-bearing policemen and the social workers accompanying them return from their pleasant task, it looks as if *The Jerusalem Post*-Sa'ad Toy Fund will have to distribute at least another 25 sacks to complete the job undertaken for this year's campaign.

Yesterday's cash contributions brought the total to IL.12,188.100.

Already 1,500 metres of flannel and 200 metres of diapers have been prepared by the Sa'ad Aid Association and they have been distributed by social workers in Haifa and Tel Aviv. More diapers and flannels are in the making.

Idit Pelley and Anat Turel, wearing ribbons inscribed from the "pupils of the New Jerusalem Conservatoire to the children of the *ma'bara*," and Yehudit Bromner came to *The Jerusalem Post* office in the pouring rain yesterday afternoon with the proceeds of their Hanukka Party inside two brightly decorated tambourines. The six to ten-year-old group had a music and dance party, and the sum sent to the Fund was IL.13.170, plus a lovely tambourine.

On the distribution side comes a report from Miss Ruth Pergementer, Ministry for Social Welfare worker on her trip through Western Galilee. "When we arrived at the immigrants' settlement near the Lebanese border, we could see the children waiting for us impatiently from a long way off.... We asked the teachers to let the children take the toys out of the sacks themselves and it is a pity we did not photograph or paint the children's faces, or record their cries of joy.

"At Turiel, far from any centre of population, all the children, arrived in Israel only a few weeks ago, and still speak only French. But this time they had no need for words, it was all written on their faces. There was not a single toy in the kindergarten, and when they saw the swing, the wheel barrow, the dolls and cars, they kept repeating the only Hebrew words they had learnt: 'Toda Rabba'."

"And," writes Miss Pergementer, "the importance of this drive is not only in the toys themselves, but in the encouragement it gives the teachers and the whole village."

Cables in Brief

BURNED. — Prof. Mario Ponsio, founder of Turin University's Institute of Radiology, has resumed his scientific work after undergoing his eight operation for radiation burns which have left him with only three fingers.

RADIOACTIVE. — Sea waters and plantations around Bikini Island are still too radioactive from last spring's American hydrogen bomb tests to permit fishing, the Japanese South Sea Fishery Research Institute announced yesterday.

WHEAT. — Australian wheat production this season is estimated at 135,100,000 bushels, 21 per cent less than last year and the lowest since the drought year of 1946-47, the Commonwealth statistician, Mr. S. R. Craver announced yesterday in Canberra.

CRASH. — Seventy-six persons were injured, 15 seriously when an electric train crashed yesterday into the rear of another train at a level crossing at Yodogawa station near Osaka, Western Japan.

POPE. — The Pope, supported by two doctors, yesterday walked for nearly 15 minutes in the Vatican Gardens. Authoritative source said tonight that the Pontiff was still very weak and suffered occasionally from a return of the persistent hiccoughs which have plagued him in the past.

Fetah Tikva Approves Loan from Histadrut

PETAH TIKVA, Monday. — The Town Council last night approved a loan of IL.30,000 from the Histadrut Blak Fund for completing the Sharon municipal hospital. The opposition voted against, claiming that a loan from that source would submit the town to the influence of the Histadrut.

Mr. P. Rashish, the Mayor, said he was promised a loan from the Payis lottery. This proved impracticable because of the dispute between Petah Tikva and the Minister of Interior.

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Maccabee Torch Men Brave Rain

Jerusalem Post Staff

"Mr. President, the torch has arrived from Modi'in according to the yearly custom." With these words, a 16-year-old boy yesterday afternoon presented President Ben-Zvi with a torch lit at Modi'in by representatives of the Maccabi sports organization and carried in relays through a pouring rain to Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem. Jerusalem was one stop in the Maccabi's tenth annual relay from Modi'in to all parts of the country.

The rain gave an added sparkle to the electric *hanukkiot* atop public buildings, with the blue neon light over the Knesset building being particularly outstanding.

Mr. Ben-Zvi told the 20 young people, who had accompanied the torch to Jerusalem "the torch has been burning for 2,000 years; even rain cannot dim it." The group drank a toast with the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi and before leaving roundly cheered their hosts. Present at the ceremony were a group of tourists from South Africa.

The young Maccabi runners then proceeded to the Jewish National Fund Building where they lit the torch mounted over Herzl's Room. Dr. S. Lowy, of the J.N.F. Directorate, spoke on the projected programme for the development of the Modi'in area, to be called by President Ben-Zvi's name.

Messengers reached Tel Aviv on schedule despite heavy and continuous rain which at times caused minor flooding along the route. Five-and-a-half hours after the torch had been lit at Modi'in, 77-year-old Mr. Nishri approached the steps of the Town Hall and presented the torch to Mayor Haim Levanon.

After three candles were lit in the candelabra, Mr. Levanon greeted both Mr. Nishri, a founder of Maccabi in Palestine 50 years ago and the first physical training teacher in the country, and an "Honour Guard" of the organization.

Some 1,500 boys and girls took part in the relay which began at almost the same moment as the rain began to fall from the leaden skies. By the time the runners reached Ramle, from where torches were carried along the routes to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, it was raining heavily. At Kfar Bilu the run to the south, as far as Ashkelon, began. The northernmost point in the relay was Tiberias.

In the gardens of Yad Weizmann, Mrs. Chaim Weizmann, the wife of Israel's first President, welcomed a group of 15 drenched messengers.

Rain was still falling when the runners reached Migdal Ashkelon in mid-afternoon. They proceeded to the local headquarters of the Shimshon sports organization, where a large candelabra was lit with the flame borne from Modi'in.

Five-hundred Hebrew text books were yesterday distributed to heads of families in the Hof Ashkelon area as Hanukka presents from the local District Council and the Ministry of Education and Culture.

A candelabra from Mount Zion and a torch from Modi'in will be carried through the settlements of the Jerusalem Corridor today, accompanied by rabbis and cantors. The whole area will celebrate at a festival to be held at 5 o'clock in the afternoon in the Taos settlement.

All settlements wishing to participate in the *Mesorah* and torch programme are asked by the Ministry for Religious Affairs to contact the Organization Committee, telephone 4965, Jerusalem.

DISABLED VETERANS RECEIVE BADGES

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"These badges are presented as a token of the nation's gratitude for those who fought and bled to establish the State; it is especially fitting that they be presented on Hannuka. Wear them proudly," Mr. Israel Amir, head of the Manpower Division of the Ministry of Defence, said yesterday in Jerusalem. He was speaking at a ceremony in Ratisbonne Hall at which he and Aluf-Mishne Haim Herzog, Jerusalem Area Commander, and Dr. E. D. Bergman, of the Ministry of Defence, presented badges to 190 disabled veterans.

Mr. David Vered, Secretary of the Disabled Veterans Association, thanked them in the name of the ex-serviceman.

EL AL GOES ON WINTER SCHEDULE

TEL AVIV, Monday. — El Al, the Israel National Airline, switched to its winter schedule yesterday. The three weekly flights to New York are now cut to two.

At the same time changes have been made in the two weekly flights to Europe to give a speedier connection with London.

Delegate Dies at Working Mothers' Meeting

HAIFA, Monday. — Five hundred delegates to the 25th anniversary conference of the Working Mothers Organization held here today were shocked by the sudden death of a member while addressing a committee group. Mrs. Sara Silbermann, about 40, of Ramat Hayal, near Tel Aviv, who attended the convention as a guest, had just begun to address one of the groups formed after the plenary session when she dropped to the floor and died instantly. A physician determined that she had died of a heart attack.

Mrs. Silbermann, who is a mother of two children, immigrated 22 years ago and has been an active member in the organization almost since her arrival.

Her family were notified through the Tel Aviv Labour Council.

In the morning the convention heard a series of addresses by prominent members of the organization, among them M.Ks. Beba Idelson, Ada Maimon and Sara Kafrit. All the speakers dwelt on the educational and social work undertaken by the organization, specially for children. There was outspoken criticism of the indifference of the public at large and the absence of the volunteering spirit. The delegates also demanded a more energetic participation of the Histadrut in general in the Organization's work and a regular budget for that purpose from Histadrut funds.

In the afternoon the convention split into four groups dealing with the need to educate the working public towards consumer cooperation, housing and municipal work.

JERUSALEM ROTARY 25 YEARS OLD

The Jerusalem Rotary Club celebrates its Silver Jubilee today and tomorrow, with the participation of the Prime Minister, Mr. M. Sharett, and the Past-Governor of the Netherlands Rotary Clubs, Mr. A. Groote. The occasion also inaugurates the celebrations of the Golden Jubilee of Rotary International, founded in 1905 by four Chicagoans and today numbering 400,000 Rotarians in 89 countries.

Mr. R. Silver, President of Jerusalem Rotary, told newspapermen yesterday that the Israel clubs kept up a correspondence with Rotarians abroad, and local Rotarians lecture on this country when visiting colleagues overseas. Rotary International had awarded stipends to three Israelis (one a Nazareth student, Mr. B. Khleif) for study in whatever place they choose.

Since the State, six more clubs have been established in addition to those in Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The new clubs at Beersheba, Acre and Nazareth in particular bring together citizens of every profession and denomination. Only one representative of each profession is permitted to join, thus ensuring a cross-section of the interests in each town.

Dr. E. Propper, Rotary's Administrative Adviser for Israel, said there were now 450 members of the clubs in this country which also included Natanya, Nahariya and Safad. Mr. T. R. Lurie, one of Jerusalem's veteran Rotarians, recalled how the Club used to act as a forum of opinion among Jews, British and Arabs in Mandate times when such tripartite meetings were otherwise impossible.

The tourist magazine, "Shalom," has published a special Rotary Jubilee Issue with illustrated articles on the various clubs and messages from the Past Administrative Advisers, W. Cegla, Mark Jaffee, and Joseph Kessary, now Minister to Mexico.

Sanitation Dep't Doesn't Inspect New Buildings

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Sanitation Department of the Jerusalem Municipality is not authorized to inspect new buildings to see if the cesspits have been properly built, Mr. Shalom Brinker, director of the Department told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. He said the department's first contact with any building came only after a sanitation defect has been found. It did, however, grant permits to connect a building's sewage system with the central drainage line.

Mr. Brinker stressed that his Department had nothing to do with granting building permits. This fell within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Engineering Department.

Fanfare of Trumpets Heralds 'Mother's Day'

HAIFA, Monday. — 'Mothers' Day' began officially with a fanfare of trumpets greeting Gadna torchbearers who entered the Town Hall here this evening.

At 5:30, the Gadna company was called to attention. They were assembled in the Town Hall because of the rain. The blare of three trumpets pierced the silence as eight Gadna members from various parts of the city entered the Hall with their flaming torches. They then presented scrolls they had brought to the Mayor.

"There are heroic deeds still to be done today and it is not enough to admire and honour the heroes of the past," Mayor Abba Khoushy told the boys and girls. He then presented a Hanukka candelabra to the outstanding Gadna unit. The ceremony ended with lively impromptu singing and dancing in the Town Hall lobby.

THE MINISTRY of Finance has exempted cinema workers from taxes on complimentary tickets for themselves and their wives.

First Cleaning In 5 Years

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Monday.—"Shimshon," the port's strong-arm floating crane which lifts 100 tons and even more is being given a long overdue overhaul and cleaning below the water line in the recently expanded slipway. The floating crane is mounted on a 500-ton craft that has not been out of water since 1950. But for the slipway expansion, it would have had to be towed to a foreign port and back, at the cost of $35,000. Overhaul abroad would have cost another $5,000.

The Port Authority decided to expand its slipway despite the fact that the floating dock has found a temporary berth in the port. Mr. A. Landman, Port Manager, told the press here last week. The slipway which accommodated ships up to 100 tons by hauling them out of the water with a steel carriage pulled on rails, is now able to handle ships of up to 500 tons, Mr. Landman explained. The project consisted mainly of the construction of larger and wider carriage running on longer rails and the installation of more powerful winches received from Germany.

The slipway expansion called for an investment of IL.270,000.

The slipway will save even more money when the two port tugs, both 500 ton vessels, will be accommodated on it. Hitherto both were sent abroad for annual routine overhauls. Relying on the facilities of the floating dock would require waiting in a queue until work on other ships is completed, Mr. Landman said.

Biran Appointed Consul General in Los Angeles

Dr. Avraham Biran, the Jerusalem District Representative, who has been appointed to the post of Consul General in Los Angeles, is expected to leave for the United States at the beginning of February, *The Jerusalem Post* learns. Dr. Biran's successor in Jerusalem has not yet been announced.

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office were opened, and the contents of a personal letter from his wife were printed in a newspaper the very day he received it.

"I request the Members of the Knesset to agree to the revocation of my immunity, and I reiterate: this is a blood libel against me and my party," Rabbi Rosenberg concluded.

Mr. I. Raphael went to the rostrum to explain that Hapoel Hamizrahi had abstained because it doubted whether political considerations were entirely absent in the matter.

The Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, who followed, said he considered it his duty to announce that the Government had complete confidence in the Attorney-General and that political considerations had played no part in his handling of the case.

"You can't make such a statement in the name of the entire Government," objected Mr. M. Shapiro, Minister for Religious Affairs and Social Welfare.

"I spoke in the name of the Government," Mr. Rosen insisted.

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Economic News from Abroad

Dollars Saved on Commodities

● Britain, France, Belgium and Portugal are increasingly replacing raw materials from the dollar area by supplies from their overseas dependencies, particularly by grain, sugar, tobacco, coffee, cotton copper, lead, zinc and petroleum. Between 1951 and 1953, imports of "dollar commodities" from the dependencies increased by £230m. and played a major part in reducing the "dollar gap" in Western Europe.

European Pulp Rise

● Further increase of European pulp production, dwindling exports to the U.S., and continued American shipments of pulp to Europe have been forecast for 1955. European pulp output for the year has been estimated at approximately 900,000 tons above the 1953 level, mainly on account of higher output in Sweden, Finland and France. Import from the U.S. and Canada rose by 250,000 tons, while export to the U.S. dropped by 100,000 tons.

Steel Shortage in Germany

● As a result of rapidly rising industrial activity, steel, scrap, coal and timber are reported in short supply in Western Germany. Export prices for steel bars shot up to $96 per ton as against the official price of $88. Timber rose to 56 marks per cu.m. as against 43 marks a year ago. The prices of chemical pulp and newsprint also increased.

U.S. Cutting Japan Duties

● The U.S. and Japan are to negotiate a trade agreement cutting import duties on some 200 items of Japanese exports, such as tuna fish, earthenware, cotton cloth, optical goods and sewing machines. The U.S. expects other countries to cut their tariffs as well in order to strengthen Japan's economic position. It will also lead the drive to make Japan a full GATT member despite the opposition of some Commonwealth nations.

French Production, Wages Up

● The French production index for September was 52 per cent above 1938 and 11 per cent higher than in the corresponding month a year ago. Wages also advanced by 11 per cent.

Sugar Prices Steady

● World sugar demand is expected to increase in 1955, while sugar production may be about 800,000 tons less than last season. Prices are therefore expected to remain at least at the 1954 average, despite the heavy stocks carried by Cuba and some other producers. The export quotas of International Sugar Council Members have been reduced by 20 per cent for 1955, but the non-participating countries are likely to increase their output.

U.S. to Join International Bank

● The U.S. Administration has decided to ask Congress to approve American participation in the proposed new International Bank, which is to be affiliated to the World Bank but to finance capital development projects which are too risky, though desirable. The new Bank is to make equity investments and loans to private enterprise without the guarantee of the government of the borrowing country. Its authorized capital is to be $100m.

Airline Model Competition

● After the failure of the Comet, strong competition is developing in the long-range airliner market between the American Boeing, Lockheed, and Douglas companies and the British Bristol company. Many companies are watching where BOAC will shortly place its orders for a number of aircraft. The company has not yet decided whether to choose the latest piston-engines, such as the Douglas DC-7C, or the new turbo-prop motors which have not yet been tested in commercial service.

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EVIDENCE that the financial condition of agricultural settlements has lately become even more strained than usual is mounting from several sources and there is talk of an acute credit crisis. In some places, farmers are reported to have disposed of their milch cows, and communal settlements to have sold tractors in order to get cash. Private loans at exorbitant interest, which had been decreasing in volume for a time, have again assumed alarming proportions, and suppliers' credits have often been pushed beyond all reasonable limits. Badly needed housing projects had to be reduced or postponed and productive investments shelved because of this lack of liquid means, which sometimes goes so far as to impede the regular progress of seasonal agricultural work. Had this squeeze started some months earlier, it is claimed that less land, instead of more, would have been sown this season. A considerable expansion of farm credit to strengthen circulating capital in particular, is therefore demanded, along with a general improvement of credit terms for long-term investment to keep up agricultural development, which is lagging behind its targets in any case.

FARM CREDITS

Measures must clearly be taken to ease this situation, and negotiations for partial relief are already under way with the banks and the Treasury. But it would be rash to conclude that a general expansion of farm credit is called for. As a matter of fact, agricultural loans have more than doubled during the past two years, i.e., their rise has been more than proportionate to the increase in the total value of farm output (and absorbed 75 per cent of all additional non-Government bank credits) without having brought a marked change for the better.

The strict enforcement of the recent credit freeze may have compelled some banks to call in part of their loans, especially since it coincided with the preparations for the end-of-year display of liquidity in balance sheets; but the direct cause of the present blizzard seems to be the bank clearing of cheques, by which an important loophole for obtaining kite-credits has been closed. This, incidentally, is in itself ample proof of the shaky foundation of the earlier relative stability.

An agricultural policy of inducing farmers to expand production by starving them of initial capital and letting them depend partly upon short-term loans and rapid accumulation of own means may have had its merits during the period of inflation, but it was bound to come to a bad end when agricultural profits began to fall while interest rates were climbing, and it has been further aggravated by the considerable delays in the implementation of ambitious financial plans. At present, over IL.10m. is due to the settlements on account of basic equipment (by the Jewish Agency) and for various development projects (by the Government). Open credits for produce delivered by "Tnuva," for subsidies, etc. make up several million more.

Instead of forcing the settlers to resort to money-lenders, the provision of ample financial facilities should be planned in advance and shouldered by the settlement authorities, as has been done with much success for the middle-class settlements. On the other hand, the farmer community should exercise more self-control in respect of new investment if it is not to endanger the nation's overall financial stability by well-meant but excessive expansion.

ZIM TO BE REJUVENATED

By Our Economic Editor

THE publication of the "Zim" report and accounts for the year 1953 was long delayed by protracted and unsuccessful negotiations with the Finance Ministry about a retroactive correction of the exchange rate for the company's foreign currency income. It therefore almost coincided with the arrival here of the Dagan, the first vessel completed for "Zim" in German yards on the Reparations account, thus highlighting the dramatic development of the company after a period of strained financial circumstances.

The year 1953 has been a difficult one for shipping companies all over the world, for a decrease in traffic brought declining freight rates and passenger fares, while costs increased steadily. For Israel shipping, however, the problem was further aggravated by the unrealistic rate of exchange (IL.1—$1) maintained by the Treasury throughout the year. Only since January 1, 1954 has the 80 per cent premium for exporters been applied to shipping as well.

It is small wonder, therefore, that the year under review resulted in poor profits and an unsatisfactory balance sheet in spite of a marked increase in traffic. The decline in the number of immigrants carried in 1953 by "Zim" vessels (6,100 compared with 14,900 in 1952) was largely offset by the rise in ordinary passenger traffic (32,000 compared with 27,400) and freight rose by 20 per cent (706,000 tons carried compared with 588,000).

"Zim" increased its share in this country's seaborne imports to 50 per cent, maintained its share in exports at 23 per cent and again carried 250,000 tons between foreign ports. Its newer ships, particularly the Rimon and the Tamar, which had been built to the company's special order, "acquitted themselves excellently and demonstrated that even under the most difficult trading conditions, the right kind of modern ships can compete in the world market and earn adequate profits."

Operational Loss

The greater part of the "Zim" fleet was, however, over 20 years old and running at a loss because of high operation costs. Besides, the American route, which the company had taken over at the end of 1952, suffered losses as a result of its overcapacity (because of the decline of our imports from the dollar area) and it took several months to re-schedule the nine ships engaged on it and to transfer some of them to other lines.

These disadvantages, coupled with an unfavourable exchange rate, halved the company's profit from IL.456,000 in 1952 to IL.238,000 (including subsidiaries). Further, no allocation was made to depreciation (in 1952 the depreciation funds showed a rise of IL.671,000). Conformity upon their decision not to provide depreciation in the year under review, the directors point to the fact that the sum written off up to end of 1952 "considerably exceeded what is normally provided in accordance with shipping practice," but maintained that the main factor were the "exceptional losses" suffered as a result of the unfavourable rate of exchange.

For the first half of 1954, the company reports a "marked improvement" over the corresponding period in 1953. "Although the improvement measured in terms of cargo and passengers... is only four per cent, in financial terms the results are much better." This improvement continued in the second half of the year, which brought a marked rise in freight costs, and the company looks to the future with confidence. Full employment has been provided for its North European line by Reparations goods, though in this field the German competition, entitled to carry up to 50 per cent of the goods, is likely to become more acute. The West African line bringing mainly logs for the plywood and allied industries is developing, though largely on the basis of one-way traffic. More cargo and better freight rates are expected as a sequel to "Zim" participation in several shipping conferences; and the company's passenger ships are now considerably better employed because of greater immigration from North Africa.

Of particular importance for the improvement in the company's trading condition is, however, the sweeping modernization of its obsolete fleet, which is now carried out with German Reparations. Orders and scheduled delivery dates are set out in the following table:

ZIM'S SHIP ORDERS IN GERMANY

Number ordered	Type of ship	Cargo (D.W. tons)	Passengers	Delivery dates
4	general cargo (fruit carriers)	7,000	12	Oct. 54 to May 55
2	general cargo (fruit carriers)	4,000	4	May, Sept. 1955
2	general cargo (coasters)	900	—	May, Aug. 1955
1	tanker	18,500	—	December 1955
2	combined passenger-cargo	5,000	220	July, Dec. 1955
1	passenger	800	550	April 1956

Parallel with the delivery of the above vessels, the company will dispose of its older units. Three ships, the Athlit, Henrietta Szold, and Abraham Graetz, have already been sold, and the sale of others is being actively negotiated. By the summer of 1956 the rejuvenated "Zim" fleet will thus be scarcely larger than the present one, but its efficiency and capacity, especially for citrus, will be vastly greater. As imports are not likely to increase considerably, the company is evidently expecting to gain a bigger share in the fruit traffic and also planning to compete for other cargo.

In the Mediterranean, the new liner, able to stand ever keener competition for passengers, will replace either the Negbah or the Artza. The two passenger-cargo ships will relieve the ever-age Jerusalem, in due course establishing a three-weeks sailing schedule between New York and Haifa to give a fresh fillip to American tourism. The tanker is intended primarily for the import of crude oil from Eastern Europe.

The total cost of this rapid replacement programme — the volume of which is actually more than double the actual recommendations of the Economic Advisory Staff — will be over $28m., i.e., almost thrice the cost of the present fleet of "Zim", and it is only the stepping in of the Government that has made it possible. The orders have been placed by the Shilumim Corporation, and "Zim" is required to pay 28 per cent of the price at delivery and the rest over a period of eight to ten years at five per cent interest. Payment, however, is to be effected in hard currency. So far the company has paid about $1.1m., of which $600,000 came from the sale of older units. On the whole it expects to get about $2.2m. from this source and will thus have to mobilize about $6m. for the cash down payments.

Histadrut Capital

It is understood that both the "Histadrut" and the Jewish Agency, which jointly participate in the company, have agreed in principle to raise the necessary amounts and increase their investment in "Zim", though it is rather doubtful whether they will be ready to do it at short notice, and possibly some special arrangement will be necessary. The company is also negotiating for long-term mortgages.

The remaining instalments will make up about $2.5m. a year, i.e., about three times the sum "Zim" is likely to allocate to depreciation this year (1954), and will thus place quite a burden on the company for a number of years.

In view of these great changes, the balance sheet for the end of 1953 is now little more than of historical interest. It shows the fleet "at cost or adjusted cost" (calculated at the rate of $1—IL.1) at IL.12.9m., against which is charged a depreciation fund of IL.3m. Shares in "associated enterprises" account for IL.1 m., and "loans and advances" for IL.0.2m. There is also an activated "goodwill arising from consolidation" of IL.0.4m., "agency rights, at cost" at IL.0.8m. and "office, furniture and equipment" for IL.62,000. Current assets— mainly trade debtors, stores and prepaid expenses — accounted for IL.4.4m.

Against this, the company had current liabilities and provisions of IL.6.4m., mainly trade creditors (this item jumped by IL.2m. to IL.4.6m.). Loans and deferred liabilities were IL.5.3m., of which IL.2.6m. were secured by mortgages on fleet and properties. Over one-half of the sum (IL.2.7m.) were long-term loans. The company's own capital was only IL.883,000, its reserves IL.1.3m., and a "currency" exchange reserve" created at the revaluation of the company's fleet a year ago, IL.2.8m. The profit on the balance sheet was IL.0.5m.

IL. 000	1951	1952	1953
Fleet *	2,702	9,536	10,615
Associated and subsidiary companies *	961	1,497	2,197
Current assets	1,715	4,396	4,397
Share capital and reserves	1,181	2,189	2,172
Depreciation fund	629	1,311	2,881
Currency exchange reserve	—	3,782	3,772
Loans	654	4,155	4,248
Current liabilities and provisions	2,857	4,641	6,380

* at cost or adjusted cost

Pitfalls in Production

By Our Economic Correspondent

DESCRIBING agricultural progress recently, the Minister of Agriculture had a number of encouraging facts to report. The area under cultivation is greater, and much more of it is irrigated than before. Yields are rising, and new crops, with good prospects both at home and on foreign markets, have been introduced.

The report of the Minister of Labour on developments in the labour market was optimistic, too. The fear that the summer of 1954 would bring a new and dangerous wave of unemployment has proved unfounded, and pressure on the labour exchanges was, on the whole, less severe than last year. While in 1953 we had to cope with an average of 17,000 unemployed, in 1954 the number dropped to 13,000. This, together with the fact that more people are being employed in productive work, is one of the signs that the drive for more efficient use of our manpower is yielding results.

It is our duty, however, to criticize the latest developments discussed in these reports, in order to find out whether everything possible is being done for higher productivity. Not every branch of agriculture contributes equally to closing the gap of foreign currency, and not every type of employment helps to increase output. In agriculture, the goal is not only to grow more food of all kinds but to produce more staples and this without making too many demands on foreign currency. Our employment policy must make sure that an ever-growing percentage of labour is directed into export industries and into agriculture, so that we approach the point where emergency projects can be dispensed with.

Danger Signs

From this point of view, there are danger signs in both reports. In agriculture, the branches which pay high dividends for the farmer but keep the standard of living too high, such as poultry-raising and the development of fish ponds, are still expanding. It is only natural that the farmers who went unto these fields and developed them should try to maintain them as long as possible, even if it means fighting the official policy production of encouraging basic foods and industrial crops.

For years now, it has been stressed that hens "eat dollars." It is true that some of the grain consumed by chickens is now grown in this country, and therefore they make fewer demands on foreign currency than some years ago. Attempts to keep down the national flock, however, have failed conspicuously. It has long since passed the two-million mark. Poultry farmers have now launched a scheme to earn the dollars they need for feed by exporting eggs. The calculations regarding its profitability are not wholly convincing. In any case, only experience will show whether our eggs are able to fetch a price which will suffice to buy feed and leave a profit without endangering the official dollar rate.

Fish-breeding, too, is prospering despite the warnings that fish ponds take up valuable land which could otherwise be used for intensive agriculture, and that the use of water is excessive and should not be allowed on a large scale when water is so scarce.

The Minister of Labour has pointed out that the introduction of industrial crops had helped to open up new employment possibilities. Cotton picking and groundnut harvesting both fill the gap in employment between the summer months and the orange season. Next year, however, the Development Budget will still have to provide eight million working days, and five million working days will be supplied by industry, agriculture and building. This means that to a very large extent we still depend on public funds to fight unemployment, and we know all too well that the Development Budget serves employment needs as well as development.

One of the most encouraging points noted by the Minister of Labour is the decreasing demand for jobs from some of the new settlements. This means that people who relied heavily on public works while their farms did not yield much, are slowly finding their way into agriculture in earnest and are learning to earn their living from the soil. The process thus begun, to make farmers stand on their own feet, must be kept up and accelerated. In this way, we will be able to divert more jobs to those who knock at the doors of the labour exchanges, and to use the Development Budget more and more for its avowed purpose.

HAIFA PUBLIC MOST CINEMA CONSCIOUS

Public interest in cinema-going was in no way affected by the economic ups and downs of the recent years nor by the sharp increase in the price of cinema tickets, statistics released by the Treasury show. From 1951/52 to 1952/54 the number of cinema visitors rose by nine per cent, i.e., by only slightly less than the mean national population increase. The yearly number of visits per head was also fairly constant in the various towns, though a slight rise occurred last year in Haifa, Ramat Gan and Natanya, while in Jerusalem and Petah Tikva the average attendance dropped.

The extreme local variations in cinema-going are illustrated by the number of visits per head in 1953/54: Haifa—32, Tel Aviv—24, Natanya—37, Ramat Gan—20, Jerusalem—17, Petah Tikva — 12. For the rest of the country the average number of cinema visits seems to be only 6.5, (though this may be an under-estimate, since it is based on tickets sold in certain cinemas only.

Over 23.7 m. cinema tickets were sold in Israel last year. Of these, 8.4m. (35 per cent) were sold in Tel Aviv and 4.9m (21 per cent) in Haifa. The total sum spent on them topped IL.8m., of which IL.3m. went in taxes to the Government and about IL.2m. to the municipalities.

GROUNDNUT PRICE RISE EXPECTED

QUERIES about quality handpicked groundnuts have been recieved recently from several countries, but exporters are hesitant despite the good prices offered, for they expect them to rise further. No more than 100 tons of good quality are said to be left for export. The crop has generally been small (280-300 kg. per dunam as compared with 350-400 and more in the previous year) and of poor quality, the culls sometimes making up 60 per cent of the harvest.

SWEET POTATOES PLANTED

SWEET potato growing has been expanded in new settlements after the establishment of a starchmaking department at the "Galam" factory. So far, 1,000 dunams have been planted, and next year the acreage is expected to rise to 3,000 dunams. The plants show excellent growth in the Northern Negev as well.

U.S. CITRUS AND JUICES FOR EUROPE

AMERICAN exports of oranges, lemons and tangerines to Europe may be considerably expanded in 1955, as a group of specialists from the foreign agricultural service reported it would be a year of "best overseas market opportunity." The Mediterranean citrus crop will be the smallest in the past five years, totalling 70m. crates against 88m. last season. Light crops in Italy, Spain and Israel are only partly offset by a record North African crop.

European shipments of concentrated American citrus juice are also likely to increase.

GREEN PEPPERS FLOWN TO U.K.

A TRIAL shipment of several hundred kilos of green pepper from settlements here was well received in England. One of the largest firms in Covent Garden Market reported that the peppers received were of excellent quality.

Accordingly two more consignment were despatched yesterday, one by direct ship to London and the other by air.

The orders were booked through the Foreign Trade and Supply Co. Ltd., which is a joint venture of Rassco and the Manufacturers Association of Israel.

LITTLE CHANCE TO SELL BRITAIN GRAPES

MARKETING reports about the trial shipment of table grapes sent to Britain in August indicate that at that season the British market was saturated with grapes from other countries, particularly Portugal and Greece, and could not offer good prices for Israel produce despite its high quality. Packaging should also be improved.

Bialystocker Farband Mexico

RASSCO
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United Committee for the Establishment Of Kiryat Bialystock

The ceremonial Laying of the Foundation Stone of the **Infants Nursery** *at Kiryat Bialystock which will be established by the "Bialystocker Farband of Mexico," will take place on Thursday, December 23, 1954, in the presence of the Minister of Health, Mr. Joseph Serlin, the President of the Bialystocker Farband of Mexico and Mrs. Leon Sourasky, Dr. Yeshayahu Foerder, M.K., representatives of the National Institutions and other leading personalities.*

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Transport:
BUS — 38, from the Central Bus Station, Tel Aviv.
TAXI — Rehov Levinsky, near Rehov Hamashbir.

Stocks and Commodities

TEL AVIV INDUSTRIALS CHEERFUL

THE approaching end of the calendar year brought a number of dividend announcements and dividend and coupon payments. As a result, leading industrials had a good week. Rassco paid final 2½% cash (after an interim 3½% dividend had been paid) and 5% bonus shares, and Israel Land Development Co. (formerly Palestine Land Development Co.) 2½% cash and 13% bonus. The shareholders of Pal. Cold Storage received a special jubilee distribution of 10% bonus shares, while Ata announced an impending distribution of 10% deferred bonus shares and Kurdaneh 10% bonus shares, these two distributions coming out of the revaluation reserves.

These payments and announcements in addition to some coupons due on 1.1.55, which were cut on 15.12.54, made for a cheerful tone in many sections. Taking into consideration the recent dividend payments, there were a number of gains in prices as same did not recede to the full extent of the dividends and coupons paid. Moreover, Asia shares gained some 6 points during the week and Nesher "B" debentures rose 4 points, probably reflecting the much higher price of the coupons, which will soon give debentureholders the possibility of receiving cement, which has recently been so scarce, at the official price and free from any control.

On the other hand, the State Loan section was dull with Tavel Dollar a prominent loser, reaching a new low level for the year. There also appear to have been some offers, which brought prices to a slightly lower level in Milve Milhama and Shitrei Erech. Milve Hova fluctuated during the week, but succeeded in practically maintaining last week's levels.

Elsewhere, Bank Leumi shares were slightly cheaper and so were Pal. Potash ordinary shares, while the Potash preference shares held their ground. Africa-Pal. Investment shares, which touched a low last week, now got back to it after experiencing a further drop during the week. Year-end and liquidity considerations may have something to do with this trend in the market.

NEW YORK AT NEW PEAK

AFTER some profit-taking on Wall Street, the week closed firm with improvement ranging up to a few dollars. The Dow-Jones Industrial Index for 30 Industrials rose to a new peak of 394.94, while Rails strengthened to 140.47, a fresh 1954 high. In the bond market, a public offering of $30m. Belgian bonds met a strong investment demand. Following the successful marketing of the new issue, Belgium 7% 1955 moved up to 103. U.S. Government Bonds were soft, reflecting the year-end demand on the part of the banks. World Bank bonds were unchanged and trading in them was small.

FRESH ACTIVITY IN LONDON

DEALINGS for the new account, which covers the new year, brought a new spurt of activity to the London stock market, with Industrials continuing as a centre of attraction. A number of favourable influences assisted the stock market and caused continuing new gains. The drying up of the year-end selling by the institutions and even resumption of buying on their part has probably been behind most of last week's rises. Kaffirs also made a good showing, though buying was selective. Oils were mixed with British Petroleum (formerly Anglo-Iranians) a dull spot. Reuters UK Index for Industrials was 216.3 as against 211 last week.

Gold Advance in London

With the weaker tendency in sterling, the price of gold in London was again higher at 251/6d. per fine ounce, as against 251/0½d. last week. On the Paris market, the year-end considerations added to the absence of interest. When the easier tone brought prices to slightly lower levels, however, some buyers were attracted, and at weekend a small recovery set in.

U.K. Ratifies Tin Agreement

With the UK having ratified the International Tin Agreement on behalf of itself, the Federation of Malaya and Nigeria, Belgium is the next country that is expected to ratify. The price of tin was £789 as against £715 last week, and £856 a year ago. Elsewhere on the commodity market, tea and rubber prices have been very firm this week, while cocoa was cheaper. In New York, cotton was steady and cottonseed oil was firm. Increased demand made the wheat market firm as well. Buying was based on trade expectation of an imminent expansion in foreign buying of U.S. wheat.

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U.S. REPRODUCES TRUE RUBBER

AMERICAN scientists have finally succeeded in reproducing the true molecule of crude, or tree-grown rubber, Goodrich-Gulf Chemicals, Inc. has announced in New York. The successful reproduction of crude rubber synthetically has been a goal of world scientists for generations, and has long posed a problem in the self-sufficiency of the United States.

The new, man-made, rubber has not yet been named. It is made from different materials than those used in synthetic rubber and could not be produced in presently existing government-owned synthetic rubber plants in the U.S.; and on the best estimates that can be made at this early stage, its cost in commercially important volume would be substantially higher than that of synthetic rubber, which is about 50 cents a kilo.

Better Than Genuine

Synthetic rubber is better for many uses than crude, or tree rubber. However, there is an area of usage where crude rubber is the preferred material: this embraces truck and airplane tires and today accounts for about 30 per cent of the total annual tonnage of the new rubber consumed in the United States. Under heavy loads synthetic rubber generates more heat than crude, freezes at higher temperatures and in its uncured state is not as tacky, or sticky. In all tests made to date, the newly discovered, man-made rubber possesses the physical properties of crude rubber even to tack and stickiness.

Although the new material can be used to replace crude rubber, it will not make rubber plantations obsolete, as the more efficient among them can produce it more cheaply.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

DEC. 20.

Pop. Loans	
1949/49 (IL.10)	108
3½% Tavel Dollar 1937	1272
3½% Tavel Dollar 1939	1272
3½% Govt. Bds. (large)	94[illegible]
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	90[illegible]
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	90[illegible]
Pal. Reserv Bds. Ser. I	72[illegible]
Rh. Legumi ord. sh. c)	264
A.P.E. Investm.	
4% debs. 50/70 c)	98[illegible]
ord. sh. "B"	114[illegible]
Gazit ord. sh. "B"	2[illegible]
Ellern's Inv. ord. "B"	159
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh.	3[illegible]
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	77
Bizur 4% debs. 58/68 c)	81[illegible]
Ntr 4% Debs. (beaf.) c)	79[illegible]
5% pref. sh. c)	71
Pass 4% debs. 60/64 reg.	97
"Tuva" 5% debs.	85[illegible]
T.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg. c)	139[illegible]
5% debs. c)	87[illegible]
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	104
Rassco 6% pref. ord sh. c)	99
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	240[illegible]
"A" ord. shares	160
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Isr.)	—
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Ldn	—
Jer. Elec. Corp. ord. sh.	—
Mekoroth pref. sh. b)	65
Ata ord. "B" sh.	1282
6.8% conv. debs. c)	97[illegible]
"Kurdaneh" ord. "B" sh.	141
7% conv. debs. 59/64 c)	101
Moller-Dee ord.sh.reg x	850
Pal-Brewery 8%con.sh.c)	97
Assia Bejarano "B" sh.	187
"Tuva" ord. sh.	119[illegible]
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	113[illegible]
6% debs. "B"	134
Pal.Cold.St.7%debs c)	150
ord. sh. reg. c)d)	210
Pal. Constr. Tr. 8% debs. c)	91

Notes: a) purchasing price; b) selling price; c) ex-coupons; d) ex-right; e) half div.; x) prutot; y) coupons Dec. 15, 1954; z) coupons June 15, 1955.

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2) The distribution of Bonus Shares at the rate of 25 fully-paid up Ordinary Shares in the Company in respect of every IL.200 held in the Capital of the Company against surrender of dividend coupon No. 2.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company is called for Friday, December 31, 1954 (8th Tevet, 5715) at 11 a.m. at the registered premises of the Company: 31 Derekh Ha'atzmaut, Haifa, with the following Agenda:
a) Report of the Chairman of the Board of Directors.
b) Report of the Auditor.
c) Approval of the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account as at March 31, 1954.
d) Elections of Directors whose term of office expires.
e) Appointment of Auditor and determination of his fees.
f) Various.
If within half an hour from the time appointed for the above Meeting, a quorum is not present, the Meeting shall stand adjourned to Friday, December 31, 1954 (8th Tevet, 5715) at 12 noon at the above mentioned premises of the Company.
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